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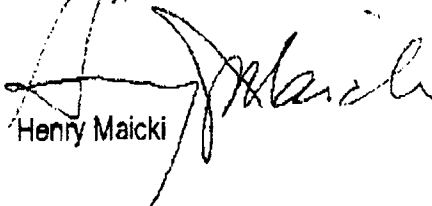
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Dear Trial Attorney Hesse:

On the issue of the settlement in *U.S. vs. Microsoft*, let my comments show that I support it because the settlement will have great value to Indian children throughout western South Dakota. The settlement calls for Microsoft to supply computers, equipment, software and the technical support they require to the nation's neediest school districts, as defined by the criteria for federal school lunch aid to students. The U.S. Census Bureau has shown South Dakota has three of the nation's poorest counties, all of which are located on reservations. South Dakota also has plenty of low income counties and school districts in rural counties where farm incomes have floundered.

The settlement should be the last word in the Microsoft controversy. This case has had more than enough time and money to find remedies to the issues brought before the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division. I think it says a lot that nine of the eighteen states in the case (South Dakota decided to stay out of the case) and the Justice Department have declared they have a settlement with the Microsoft Corporation. It's not my intention to retry the issues in this letter because I have faith that everything which could be done to reasonably remedy the controversy has been done. Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,



Henry Maicki

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